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To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS  
(Child Nutrition Programs) - Colorado ED, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri ED,  
Montana OPI, Nebraska ED, North Dakota,  
South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming ED

We have had some questions concerning the CRE review cycle resulting from the recent change to five years. The following dates represent the first full CRE cycle:

YEAR 1	1992-1994
YEAR 2	1994-1995
YEAR 3	1995-1996
YEAR 4	1996-1997
YEAR 5	1997-1998

As you are aware, the first year had an implementation option which allowed states to start mid-year in 1992, and resulted in the first year actually covering a two year period. If you complete your required reviews in less than the five year cycle the remaining time could be used to:

1. Do required CRE follow-up reviews
2. Provide technical assistance to school districts on implementation of the School Meals Initiative Rule
3. Other CRE related technical assistance
4. Begin a new cycle. (The federal cycle will always be five years, but states can operate on a shorter cycle.)

If you have any other questions, please call our office.

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